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Letter dated 12 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, and further to my letter dated 25 October 2006, addressed to you (A/61/542-S/2006/847), I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish air force, recorded from 17 October to 1 December 2006.

On 17 and 18 October 2006, one C-160 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 20, 21 and 24 October 2006, one C-130, one C-160 and one C-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus once.

On 26 October 2006, two C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 27 October 2006, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 2 and 3 November 2006, one CN-235, one Cougar and one Bell Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus six times.

On 3, 4 and 6 November 2006, one Bell, one Cougar and one Cessna Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus seven times.

On 7 and 8 November 2006, two C-160 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations eight times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus eight times.

On 9 November 2006, two CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

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On 10 and 12 November 2006, two CN-235 and two C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations eight times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus eight times.

On 13 November 2006, one B-200, one Bell and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 14 November 2006, one C-130, five NF-5 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus seven times.

On 15 November 2006, one C-130, four NF-5 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations eight times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus eight times.

On 16 November 2006, one C-130, nine NF-5 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations 13 times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus 13 times.

On 10, 12, 13 and 14 September 2006, one Cougar and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 17 and 20 November 2006, one C-130 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations eight times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus eight times.

On 24 and 25 November 2006, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus once.

On 29 November 2006, one C-160 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus once.

On 30 November and 1 December 2006, one C-130 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I strongly protest the aforementioned violations, which, as indicated in our previous communications, blatantly endanger the safety of international civil aviation, contravene international law and air traffic regulations. The violations put at stake the peace and stability of the region, and I call for their immediate cessation. The Government of Turkey should heed the call of the international community, abide by the Charter of the United Nations and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, thus contributing to the creation of the required conditions for the achievement of a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 19, and of the Security Council.

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